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from Grattan Puxon

Dear Keith,

Michael Slattery says you are are visiting Dale Farm on Sunday.

So I've got up at dawn and typed up these statements I took from his son Richard Slattery and son-in-law Jim Casey (on 15 November).

I hope you have time to look at them and bring copies with you. They relate to what happened at Twin Oaks between the arrival of the police and bailiffs around 4 am and the time that Hazel Siltoe got there and starting videoing.

This is the period you said you most needed covering (when we spoke in Leeds).

Unfortunately, I can't come to Dale Farm on Sunday as I'll have grandchildren with me that day. Of course you'd be very welcome to come over to Colchester, with Michael (it takes about 45 minutes) if that would be useful or necessary.

I'm very encouraged to know that you are coming down and that progress is being made on the Twin Oaks case.

I presume there is no date yet for the Judicial Review. The big planning inquiry for 40 yards starts on 27 February. The ten inner yards, as you'll know, have been given another 12 months.

As this will not be long enough to get the proposed Pitsea site ready (if this comes to anything), the planning representatives will be asking for a two year extension (as you figured they could).

Meanwhile, I'm going ahead with the RED WHEELS FESTIVAL in Basildon on 8 April, (Roma Nation Day across Europe) featuring Michael Collins and his play.

I'm sending these statements in hard copy in a packet this morning, with some other material relating to the homelessness issue, which may be helpful for the JR.